



Marita Buelt

March 13, 1923 - November 19, 2020

Marita Buelt, age 97, of Carroll, Iowa, died Thursday, November 19, 2020, at St Anthony Nursing Home following a brief illness. There will be a private burial at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda, with a later Celebration of Life Mass for family and friends in 2021 at a date to be determined. Casket Bearers will be Marita's family.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home and online condolences may be left for Marita's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Marita Buelt was born on March 13, 1923 at Breda, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Reiff) Wempe She spent her younger years in Breda, graduating from St. Bernard's High School. On January 22, 1941 she married Ben Buelt at Ottumwa, Iowa. They moved to Riceville, Iowa where Ben operated a Hatchery and Feed Store until 1957. In 1957 they moved to Breda, Iowa where Ben joined his brother, Leo, in the Buelt Hatchery. Marita was employed at General Electric at Carroll for ten years. She also worked at the Hatchery and at a grocery store during WWII. Marita and Ben retired in 1985 and moved to Carroll in August 2004.

Marita was a member of St. John Paul II Parish (Holy Spirit Church), Breda Legion Auxiliary, a volunteer at St. Anthony Regional Hospital Auxiliary, a

former librarian at Breda and Guild Member, and an active Orchard View resident for over sixteen years. She enjoyed traveling, reading, sports, and her family.

Survivors include LeRoy Gerken, the surviving spouse of daughter, Judith, of Columbia, Missouri, Shirley Frigaard and her husband, Marvin, of St. Helens, Oregon, David Buelt and his wife, Erin, of Omaha, Nebraska, Donna Donovan and her husband, Dan, of Minburn, Iowa, and Mark Buelt and his wife, Joanne, of Hillsborough, New Jersey. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 5 step great grandchildren. Also, sisters-in-law, Lorraine Wempe of Halbur and Leone Buelt of Carroll.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben, in 2006, her daughter, Judith Ann Gerken, in 2019, her sister, Marian Niceswanger, brothers, Clarence Wempe, Donald Wempe, and Vernon Wempe, by her parents, parents-in-law, and by Ben's brothers and sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. John Paul II Parish for masses or to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Bonnie Malm lit a candle in memory of Marita Buelt*



Bonnie Malm - November 24, 2020 at 05:22 PM

RB

“ *This is my Aunt Marita, one of the All Time Greats without question. Always ready with a smile, a hug, and an "I love you". Talk about a life well lived!!! As much as David, Shirley, Donna, Mark, and all of us will miss her, we can all take comfort in that. Sad to see her go, but, she leaves behind a lot of great memories.*

Roger Buxto - November 24, 2020 at 07:53 AM

LC

“ *My kids and I loved our visits with Marita, we looked forward to seeing her smile and hearing her laugh with us. Marita will be missed dearly, but our memories of her will always be of comfort. Lara, Raymond, and Cara Caruso*

Lara Caruso - November 23, 2020 at 02:48 PM

EY

“ *Marita was my cousin . She was a sweet and gentle soul, always happy to hear from you or enjoy a visit. I will miss that. My sympathy to all of her family. Eileen Yung*

Eileen Yung - November 23, 2020 at 12:53 PM

TP

“ Our sympathy to all! She was a great lady! I'm sure Judy and Ben were there to welcome her home!

Tim & Deb Pietig - November 22, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DD

“ Marita was a beautiful and sweet lady. When I moved to Orchard View, she made me feel very welcome. I miss seeing her. May she Rest In Peace.

Dorothy Danner - November 21, 2020 at 08:06 PM

MG

“ I really got to know Marita after Judy and LeRoy were married. She had a gift of always making me feel special. Marita was a gentle soul and a lady. She and Ben were good friends of my parents. Sending hugs and prayers to her family. I know the dear memories you all have of this wonderful lady will be of comfort to you. Rest in peace, Marita.

Marlene Goecke - November 21, 2020 at 06:40 PM

DZ

“ Marita was a very good friend here at Orchard View, and a lovely lady!

Dorothy Zierke - November 21, 2020 at 04:00 PM